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Teachers continue to support students despite uncertain times

■ Daniel Bushman

Under normal circumstances students and teachers would be back in their classrooms this week after the Easter break. However, with these uncertain times and schools closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, students, teachers and school divisions have had to adapt.

With doors closed and lockers empty at schools throughout Horizon School Division, the division is offering supplemental learning for students as teachers have been contacting families to best see how to move forward with learning supports.

In Watrous, working from home, Watrous Elementary School Principal Patrick Borsa said his staff has been doing what they can as things have been going about as good as can be expected. “Our staff communicates regularly through email, texting and Zoom. It is definitely strange not going to the school to see and talk to each other.”

Winston High School Principal Terry Braman said it has been a whirlwind of emotions as a staff since the announcement of the closure. “The staff including myself have been on a roller coaster but mainly our only concern is for our students, our kids, they are and always have been our main focus. Yes, we had concerns about their education but that is secondary, to us it is just caring about their own personal well-being. That is all that mattered to us when it was announced and it will be what drives us moving forward.”

Like other schools throughout the local area, Watrous Elementary and Winston High had to make rapid changes when word came from the Saskatchewan government that they would have to temporarily shut down. With Horizon School Division doing its best to provide supplemental learning resources for families and students through its schools during this time, despite the uncertainty and all of the changes, both Borsa and Braman noted their staffs have been amazing.

“They have been busy making personal phone calls, texts and emails to families, planning lessons for a time frame they have no idea what will be,” said Borsa who continued, “and of course they are learning new methods of instruction and new ways of how to deliver lessons. Zoom, Google Meet, Google Classroom, Seesaw, and Screencastify are just a few that we are learning how to use and trying to get comfortable with!”

With his staff also busy, Braman said, “We personally connected back with our Winston families to discuss the options for supplemental learning that begins Apr. 20. Once we connected with our students and families, the staff has been hard at work preparing to deliver education remotely. This has been the great unknown but we are working our way through it and will con-



tinue to do so. I felt a strong sense of anxiety when thinking about the future of education with the pandemic but that only lasted a short time. It was immediately replaced by a sense of calm when I thought about my staff. I am a lucky principal with the dynamic, caring and resilient staff that I have at Winston. They are incredible people who give so much for our kids and from the bottom of their hearts, want the best for them. They are the best, hands down.”

As part of the supplemental learning opportunities, in an Apr. 9 message from Horizon School Division Director of Education Kevin Garinger, he appreciated the planning and preparation being done for Horizon students. “Working from your kitchen tables, your basements, your spare bedrooms, your patios, and anywhere else with a phone and the Internet, you have been keeping our system alive. You have been a source of calm and reassurance for families across Horizon, as you began reaching out, building upon relationships already established, and gathering critical feedback to support supplemental learning for students throughout this crisis. The hours you have spent engaged in this work has not gone unnoticed. I am inspired every day by your dedication, Horizon. Education is one of the key tools we have to wage war against this virus.

►With schools across Saskatchewan closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have been contacting families to talk about supplemental learning which will start this week. Watrous Elementary School Principal Patrick Borsa and Winston High School Principal Terry Braman said teachers from their schools have been continuing to support students and families during this unprecedented time.
 photos by Daniel Bushman

We will continue to provide opportunities and support for education in the midst of the challenges we face. We will continue to teach. We will continue to learn. We will continue to be here for each other.”

Trying to establish a bit of a routine, with what would have been the Easter break now over, Borsa noted WES staff will continue to plan, learn and communicate with families and students through the supplemental learning time frame; however long that will be.

Braman said WHS will also begin supplemental learning and continue on in a “very fluid environment where flexibility will be key. The staff is starving to reconnect with students and we will be doing that through Google Classrooms, online video conferencing, phone, email, you name it, we will do it in light of

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(from front page: COVID-19)

the social distancing we must maintain."

As supplemental learning becomes the new normal for at least the next while, both principals said it is tough knowing there are a number

of highlights and events that would have taken place at each school over the coming months.

"It is definitely a very strange feeling not sitting together with staff to plan out activities that

we usually have scheduled for the last couple of months of school," said Borsa. "There are so many enjoyable events that everybody looks forward to at this time of year that are now up in the air. We really are all in this together and the unknown is what makes it difficult to comprehend. Even without the usual activities, it is really the daily interactions with our students that we miss the most."

With his staff missing the students and many milestones ahead including a graduation that was supposed to be held in early May, Braman said, "I promised our Gr. 12s that we will have a gradu-

ation ceremony for them. I feel very strongly about this and they deserve it. It will be the details of the what, where, and when that will differ than the tradition."

Hoping everyone is staying healthy and finding new ways to spend quality time with their families during this time, Borsa said he is looking forward to the day when the school bell rings once again and classes resume.

"When you have to stay at home and social distance, you realize very quickly how much we take for granted. Often in the spring the students and staff begin to look forward to spending more time outside and even getting ready for the upcoming summer to recharge, but right now I think its safe to say we would be happy to be back in our building following some very familiar routines."

Braman also echoed those comments and hopes to be back at school soon. "Our students are the reason we do what we do. We are going to make the best of a bad situation and we will get through this like we do anything else, together."

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The Town of Watrous remains committed to providing critical and essential municipal services (water/sewer, waste collection and transfer station, protective services, road maintenance, administrative functions and other essential duties).

While our office remains closed to the public, residents can contact us by phone during office hours at 306-946-3369. Payment options for residents include the use of online payments for taxes and utilities (water/sewer) and regular mail. The main entrance at the Town Office is also open during office hours only for people to leave envelopes. Thank you for your understanding during this time as we remain committed to staying healthy and safe.

WATROUS PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Deemed an essential service, as of Mar. 23, 2020 the Watrous Primary Health Centre have made the following changes to its operations in order to minimize exposure/transmission of COVID-19 and to help ensure staff stay healthy in order to continue serving the community:

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- The doctor or nurse practitioner will determine if a patient must be seen in the health centre. If yes, they will screen the patient for COVID symptoms and exposure first; and
- Some providers may begin exploring audio-visual options for a patient's visit.

The Watrous Primary Health Centre has locked its doors to prevent walk-ins and requires everyone to call the health centre first at 306-946-1241. Everyone who visits the health centre in person will have been screened first and all precautions will be taken.

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Cool start to April hampers field operations

■ Daniel Bushman

A year ago at this time many producers were gearing up for seeding, crocuses were blooming and people were out and about enjoying the weather. This year is a much different story for a number of reasons. Not only has the air been cooler but during Easter weekend, crocuses were hiding, people were in self-isolation and for some, harvest still had to be completed.

Environment and Climate Change Canada's David Phillips said while March averaged out slightly cooler than normal there were some milder moments that made it feel as if spring was around the corner. Then April came.

The last day of March kicked things off with cool temperatures and those values led right into Easter weekend. Some afternoons during the earlier part of April were -7°C, -11°C, and -13°C. Add those cool days to nighttime values of -16°C, -18°C and -20°C and Phillips said, "This was more like late February not early April."

Six days into the month, Phillips noted the average temperature was -10.3°C for the local area. The normal

for that time period should have been 4.4°C. "That is like 14°C colder than it should be. This is certainly one of the coldest early Aprils that we have seen."

Despite the sunshine lasting longer as the days stretch out, it has been the cold temperatures and wind that have been unpleasant. "We know that spring is always a little reluctant to arrive. We turn the calendar and we think the weather should turn. Typically you see after the first of April about eight to 10 cm of snow or about 10 percent of your annual total. You have already sort of had that in a way so anything now is a bit more of a downer. I'd love to tell you that it is all over and winter is over but our models are showing we are stuck in this cold pattern... the good news is there is not a lot of snow on the ground and when you get rid of that snow then winter can't hang on. I think we should just consider April to be a little cooler than normal."

Trying to find a few positives to share, Phillips said perhaps with the current situation involving the COVID-19 pandemic, maybe having the cool and uninviting weather is what people need. "It doesn't

seduce you to get out and about and to socially network in a way. In a way if the weather was decent it would be more of a downer. The mood of the weather is almost like the mood of the country right now."

But looking ahead into mid-May, June and July, Phillips did indicate models show warmer than normal trends and with the days continually getting longer and the sun getting higher in the sky, that can help make a difference in terms of the warmth. "We still have to be patient... spring is that transition season when you have almost a taste of summer but a good wallop of winter and this year will not be any different."

With the bitter start to April making conditions less than ideal to be in the fields, once farmers are able to get out there, the Agricultural Producer's Association of Saskatchewan's (APAS) most recent farm survey indicated nearly 40 percent of respondents still have unharvested crop left from last year.

"It means double the work in a spring when

stress is already high in the farm community," said farmer and APAS President Todd Lewis. "Not only are folks unable to finish their harvest and start seeding, but we're hearing more and more about how the impacts of COVID-19 are making the situation more difficult."

Not only that but according to the survey conducted by APAS, a full one-third of respondents indicated that they are experiencing COVID-19 related disruptions to the purchase and delivery of farm inputs, as well as to the sale and delivery of their farm production. A number of respondents also reported concerns with recent declines in the cattle market.

As was the case in an earlier APAS survey, respondents are continuing to report significant cash flow challenges and financial pressure, problems that APAS would like to see addressed through government policy.

"Just like people in every industry across the country, cash flow is a huge problem for Saskatchewan farmers right now," said Lewis, not-

ing that of the 37 percent of respondents who indicated that they are experiencing immediate financial need as a result of COVID-19, an overwhelming 94 percent identified cash flow as a primary concern. "If you can't pay your bills and buy your supplies, it's going to be hard to keep your business afloat. Whether you're a farmer or not, most everyone can relate to that."

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- Limiting the number of customers in the greenhouse
- Making hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes available on-site to ensure common surfaces (eg. carts, debit machines, door handles, counters, etc.) are disinfected
- Making sure customers have access to hand sanitizer or a wash station upon entry and exit of the facility
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- Suspending food and beverage service in the greenhouse facility (exceptions will apply to curbside pickup or delivery - you may purchase food, if offered, to be consumed off-site)
- Prohibiting the use of public washrooms

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RCMP Report

Suspicious vehicle in Watrous

On Apr. 12 at 7 a.m. Watrous RCMP received a call of a grey 2002 Chevrolet Venture minivan with Saskatchewan licence plate 471 LTN. There were two people inside with hoods up and it was reported that the two people were driving slowly through the Watrous area and were checking for unlocked garages, RVs and vehicle doors to gain access. If you see

this vehicle or any other suspicious activity in your area please contact your local RCMP Detachment at 310-RCMP.

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Theft of tires in Humboldt

Between Mar. 28 and 31, eight sets of Takeoff 18" Aluminum Wheels with P265/65Rx18 all season tires were stolen from a business on the 300 block of Main Street in Humboldt. Suspects forced entry into a shed on the property. In total \$7,200 worth of rims and tires were stolen.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535 or you may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Shots fired in North Battleford

The North Battleford RCMP responded to several calls of people hearing shots being fired in the 1200 block of 108th street in North Battleford Apr. 11. A residence in the area was found to have several bullet holes in it. Nobody was found to be injured in this incident. The RCMP have an ongoing investigation and the police are asking anyone with information to call the North Battleford RCMP Detachment 306-446-1720

or call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477).

Fatal collision

Around 12:45 p.m. Apr. 10, Prince Albert RCMP responded to a fatal two vehicle collision on Hwy. 3 near Muskoday First Nation. A car and a truck collided, causing the highway to be blocked.

The three occupants of the truck, an adult male driver from Naicam, an adult female passenger from Christopher Lake and a male child from Christopher Lake were transported to hospital with injuries. The child has since been released.

Both occupants of the car, a 22-year-old female driver and 17-year-old male passenger, both from Prince Albert passed away at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of an RCMP collision reconstructionist. Muskoday First Nation Fire Rescue and EMS were also present on scene.

The highway was blocked during the investigation but has since been reopened.

Break and enter at Unity Curling Rink

On Feb. 13 at roughly 5:30 a.m., the Unity RCMP were called to an alarm at the Unity Curling Rink. Upon arrival, members found that the front door had been tampered with and there was damage to property inside. The suspects gained access to the curling rink lounge and concession area and a laptop computer was stolen.

On Feb. 26 just after 8 a.m., the Unity RCMP were called to another break in at the same location. In this incident, suspects gained access to a safe and stole cash as well as another laptop computer.

Anyone with information about these or any other crimes in local areas are asked to please call the Unity RCMP at 306-228-6300, the Wilkie RCMP at 306-843-3480 or the Macklin RCMP at 306-753-2171. If you prefer to remain anonymous please call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers with your information at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS) Crimes Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information which leads to the arrest of person(s) responsible for any serious crime. Crime Stoppers is anonymous and does not subscribe to call display, nor are your calls traced or recorded.

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Let's keep at it. Let's keep pulling together by staying apart."

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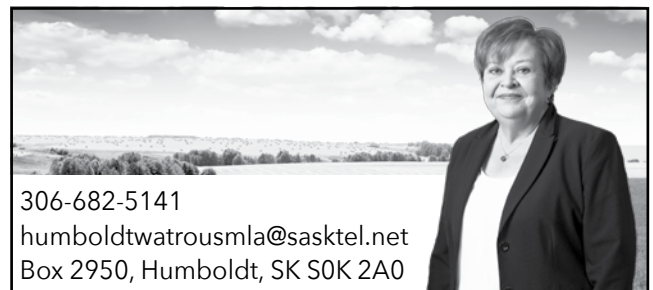
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Opinion



Communities need their newspapers, and newspapers need their community

■ adapted by SWNA President Steve Nixon
from an article by Judy Patrick, NYPA

From afar, the COVID-19 pandemic is generating news of such terrifying magnitude that it is nearly too overwhelming to comprehend. Millions are suffering and thousands are dying. Economies are collapsing.

The world seems out of control.

That's the big picture, which you can learn about from innumerable print, web and broadcast news outlets. But it's in the pages of local newspapers that this terrible news hits home.

Through stories of sickness and of death, of brave health care workers and struggling small business owners, local journalists are documenting their communities. In communities all over Saskatchewan, dozens of local newspapers are chronicling the challenges town by town, city by city. As the virus spreads beyond other provinces, the chronicling extends, paper by paper.

In each, above all are the stories of the lives that have been lost, touching tributes to much loved grandfathers and grandmothers, principals and store clerks, police officers and nurses.

Next come the stories of isolation and loss as the life of a community is put on hold: funerals, weddings, little league baseball, high school grads, senior citizen trips and college graduations. The list goes on and on.

Finally come are the tales of generosity and hope, of food drives for the afflicted, of music and art and of the million small kindnesses of one person to another.

Years from now, these stories will be part of the historical record of this pandemic. Right now, however, they serve a far greater purpose: they are helping communities come together to mourn, to support and to hope. To eventually go forward and heal, we first need to understand what is happening to the people we know and the businesses we rely on.

These are the stories that set local newspapers apart from anything you'll see and read via bigger outlets. Each paper is telling its community's unique set of stories about death and heroism and struggle. And for communities in crisis, this personalization is key to grappling with this pandemic.

There are practical benefits as well. In times of crisis, local newspapers have long been a clearinghouse of essential information such as phone numbers, emergency food distribution plans, road closures and boil water orders. Nowadays, with much of this information scattered online, newspapers are adapting and collating. Take the Grasslands Group that publish the Melville Advance, Fort Qu'Appelle Times and the Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun, for example. They provided continual updates on the COVID-19 situation both in their printed publications and on their website. They also did stories on how local businesses were being affected by the pandemic, how people were coping and stepping up, and how groups or organizations were doing things to help people through self isolation. Through their press plant, they also provided an insert filled with information about COVID-19 to help readers know how to prevent and limit transmission.

All of this is how local newspapers bring communities together. It's just one reason they're so important. While their watchdog role in sustaining

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Tips from
Reena Nerbas

My tea not only melted the finish on the dining room table, but the heat melted the ink onto the table! Because hindsight is always 20/20, I realize now how stupid it was to think that a thin piece of paper would protect the table against something so hot! If you can help me fix this mistake, I would really appreciate it. Maria

Dear Maria,

Boy have I been there! The first and easiest solution is to apply mayonnaise or non-gel, non-bleach toothpaste to the wood. Leave for 30 minutes and wipe. If the stain remains, cover the mark with a white cloth. Using the steam setting on your clothing iron, wave the iron overtop of the cloth making sure that you do not set the iron on one area. Even if the heat mark disappears, the ink may remain. If hairspray does not remove the ink, you can try baking powder and dish soap. Be cautious not to hurt the finish of the wood.

Feedback from Smart Contributors

Re: Breakfast for picky eaters

In reading your advice to someone about their children hating breakfast. Another thing to think about, is that some people cannot cope with sugary food in the morning. Offering a savory breakfast would be a really good idea as well. My son cannot stand cereals, peanut butter toast or anything like that, but can enjoy an egg that has been salt and peppered or a savory quiche. Hope that helps! Jenni

Re: Ingredients added to butter to prevent melting

About two years ago, the butter we had been using for years, was splitting when I was making one of our Christmas baking dishes. Tried again and the same thing

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I was enjoying a cup of very hot tea one morning. The tea was so hot that I had to put it down on the table. I had no coasters around me, so I grabbed the closest thing which was a sheet of paper with some writing in blue ink on it.

happened. In addition that was when I noticed the butter was not acting the same at room temperature as it would not soften up, just as the contributor described. I should add, when it split, it became very oily . . . sure could not figure that out. In the meantime, I had spoken to a number of my friends who had been baking for years and there was a consensus that all butter brands were acting the same. I checked the ingredient list on all butters and none indicated any ingredient that was different from the past. Subsequently, I contacted one of the manufacturer's directly and told them my concerns and asked if they had added anything to their butter that would cause it to split and be oily and hard at room temperature. The fellow I talked to said, "No" nothing had been added. I indicated I was going to contact the CFIA about it. I did contact CFIA and after many months and just one phone call, they gave me a very political response, but voila! The butter had all changed and my friends and I had a further discussion about having our old butter back. That was last year. Alas, it has not lasted and I agree with your contributor, something is being added to change the texture. I was so desperate, I was even trying to get my son who flies to the US often to bring me some US butter back, but dropped it when our butter miraculously returned, only to disappear yet again. Please note . . . butter bells make it worse, not better. Perhaps if we organized in some fashion about this issue, we could get a more permanent solution? Thanks for hearing me out. Margot

Re: Ingredients added to butter to prevent melting

I think the problem with butter is that it is hard and breaks up bread. I read somewhere that if the providing cow was fed corn rather than grass fed, the butter would be more spreadable. Marge

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

A spiritual column
by contributor

Raymond Maher

www.accordingtoed.com

I was telling Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan that I heard the phone ringing in the night, but I did not realize it was 4:30 a.m. The ringing phone woke me, but I thought that it must be 7:10 a.m. when robocalls often begin. The answering machine was good enough for those jokers.

Unfortunately, my wife got up to at 4:30 a.m. to answer the phone, fearful it was an important or urgent call. It was a scammer saying the call was from Visa.

She knew it was a lie, for we no longer have a Visa card.

I asked Ed if he and Ruby get a lot of nuisance calls in Melville. He said that he could not say because he only answers the phone if Ruby is not home and mostly he keeps his cell phone shut off. I warned Ed that scammers keep finding more and more advanced ways to get our personal information. Caller ID cannot be trusted as it may not be Visa or the Canada Revenue Agency calling you. Scammers can be behind text messages and emails as well.

Scammers are in the business to deceive, cheat, swindle and defraud as many innocent people as possible. They do not understand or care about social distancing for they call, text, email, or show up in person as wolves in sheep's clothing to attack and harm others. They do not care what happens to their vic-

tims.

No one wants to be the victim of scam phone calls, texts, emails, and schemes. They are part of all the darkness of sin that bleeds through the joy and hope of life. As Christians, we are to think on, "Whatever is true, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy."

It is so easy, instead, for us to dwell on the earthly things like the spread of COVID-19 cases, the plummeting stock markets, our country in endless layoffs and shutdowns, and the whole world in meltdown mode. It could end badly for anyone. If a person gets COVID-19, they could die. No one wants to die, but our mortality rate is 100 percent.

Ed challenged me to tell him something that had nothing to do with COVID-19. I told him my rhubarb is up and the sun is shining. Despite rain,

clouds, and darkness, the sun keeps shining. Sick or not, spring growth is sprouting our way.

The COVID-19 pandemic is like being in a time of war. In our uncertainty, we look to the example of Jesus, who committed no sin or deceit and entrusted himself to God His Father on heaven. He willingly did what was excellent and praiseworthy for all sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds, we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have the opportunity to return gladly to Jesus as the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, we find the truth and excellence of God and stand in trust, not fear. He is our peace in this world of meltdowns for He tells us that our citizenship is in heaven.

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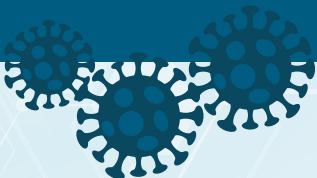
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HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19):



Follow the advice of your local public health authority.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.



Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cough and sneeze into your sleeve and not your hands.



Stay home as much as possible and if you need to leave the house practice physical distancing (approximately 2 m).

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of COVID-19 may be very mild or more serious and may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to the virus.



FEVER
(greater or equal to 38 °C)



COUGH



DIFFICULTY BREATHING

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS



Isolate at home to avoid spreading illness to others.



Avoid visits with older adults, or those with medical conditions. They are at higher risk of developing serious illness.



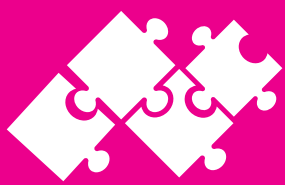
Call ahead before you visit a health care professional or call your local public health authority.



If your symptoms get worse, contact your health care provider or public health authority right away and follow their instructions.

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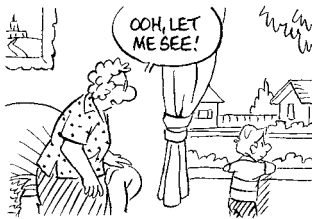
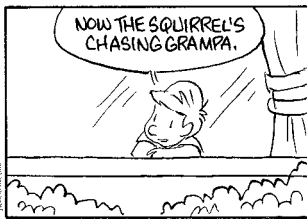
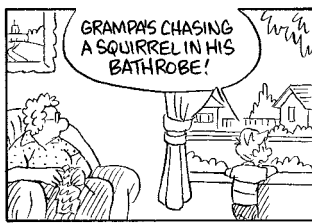
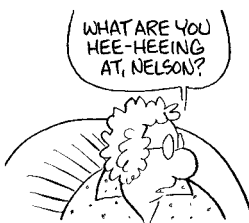
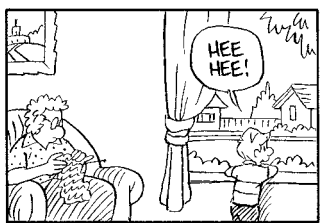


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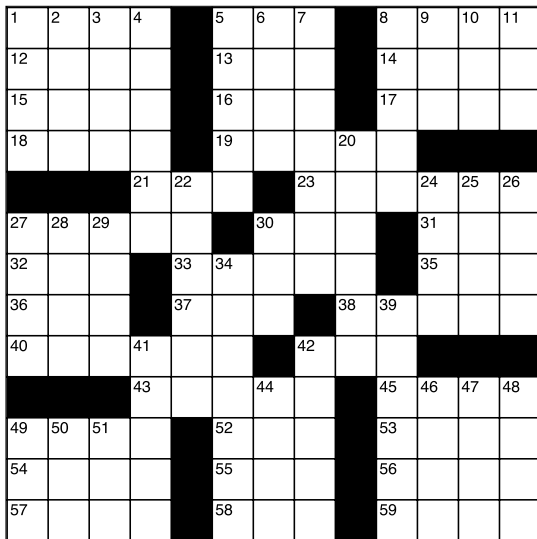


"GAD! Every spring they're at it, hiss'n' and howlin'.
Why can't they do something intelligent like chasing cars ..."



CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 25



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ACROSS

1. Volcano output
5. Remark further
8. Bend
12. Got down
13. Dark bread
14. Go through water
15. Beer grain
16. Gun, as a motor
17. Psychology topics
18. Bewildered
19. Ascended
21. Clinging vine
23. Walk cautiously
27. Office writer
30. Understand

DOWN

31. To each his
32. No
33. Woodwinds
35. Marry
36. Act like
37. Period of rotation
38. Leans
40. Individual
42. Hassle
43. Australian "bear"
45. Expand
49. Adventure story
52. Sister
53. PBS science show
54. Platoon
55. Circle part
56. Unlock

DOWN

1. Tibetan priest
2. Woe!
3. Nasty
4. Reach
5. Lineup
6. Clothing colorer
7. Enthusiast
8. Whisk
9. Move like a dog's tail
10. Excitement
11. Word a suitor seeks

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TO SUDOKU AND
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LEVEL: BEGINNER

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“YourCommunity”

Saskatchewan flattening the curve

■ media release

As of Apr. 16, 2020, Saskatchewan had one new confirmed case of COVID-19, bringing the provincial total to 305. Eighty-two of the cases were considered active.

Fourteen more people had recovered, bringing the provincial total to 219.

As of Apr. 16, there were seven people in hospitals across the province receiving inpatient care. No one was in intensive care.

Of the 305 cases in the province:

- 132 cases are travellers;
- 124 are community contacts (mass gatherings included);
- 29 have no known exposures; and
- 20 are under investigation by local public health.

Overall in Saskatchewan:

• 34 of the cases are health care workers; however, the source of the infections may not be related to health care in all instances.

• 147 of the cases are from the Saskatoon area, 68 from the Regina area, 58 from the north, 15 from the south, 10 from the central region and seven from the far north.

• 22 cases involve people 19 years of age and under, while the remainder are adults.

• 131 cases are in the 20 to 44 age range; 101 are in the 45 to 64 age range; and 51 are in the 65-plus range.

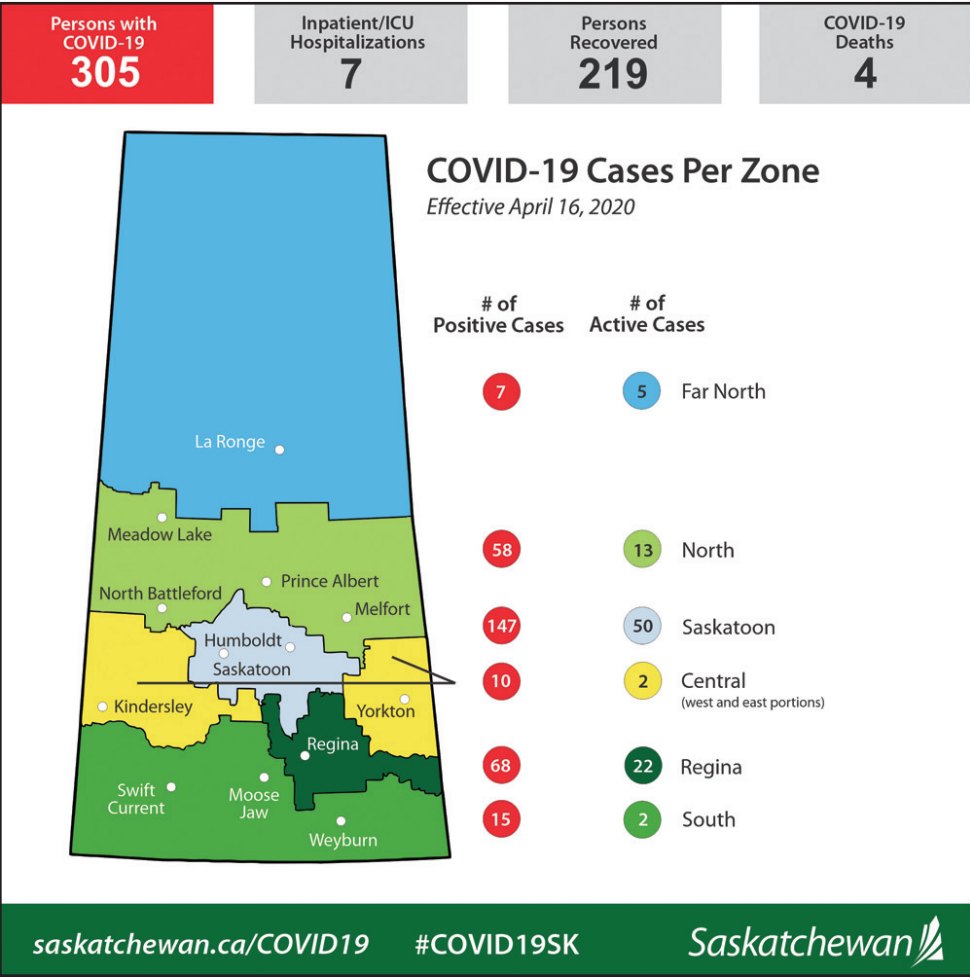
• 52 percent of the cases are males and 48 percent are females.

• Four deaths related to COVID-19 have been reported to date.

As of Apr. 16, 21,569 COVID-19 tests had been performed in the province. Saskatchewan continues to have the second highest rate of testing per capita among the provinces.

People needing emergency or non-urgent medical care not related to COVID-19 are reminded to continue seeking treatment. Emergency departments and family practices are open and receiving patients. Delaying visits for necessary care may affect your health.

Similar to other businesses, family doctors are changing how patients are being received in their clinics. Rather than postponing appointments or delaying seeing a doctor, contact the physician's office to ask about options for the visit, including phone and video consultations.



Business of the Week

Watrous Home Hardware

Watrous Home Hardware is located at 802 4th Ave. E. in Watrous. First opening Mar. 23, 1992, the business later moved across town in 2000 to its current location.

Employing 19 part- and full-time staff, co-owner and manager Ken Bushman said the store sells everything from hardware and building supplies to paint, home decor, essentials, appliances, electronics, phones, and even rents out tools.

"We have grown to become a one-stop shop for our customers and the communities we serve. With The Source recently coming 'home' we are able to provide people with a place they can find almost everything they need."

While Watrous Home Hardware is normally open six days a week, with the recent COVID-19 pandemic, Bushman said they have temporarily changed the store's hours. "The safety and well-being of our staff and customers is a top priority so while we can be reached at 306-946-3325, we are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The new hours allow us to ensure we are doing our utmost to sanitize our store before we open and after we close."

Carrying a variety of brands like Beauti-Tone, STIHL, OOFOS, Kohltech, Vicwest, Regal, GE Appliances and Bell Mobility, Bushman said it is an honour to be able to serve the area. "We have customers from Watrous, Manitou Beach, Simpson, Imperial, Young, Allan, Lanigan, Viscount, Plunkett, Drake, Nokomis, Holdfast, Stalwart, Liberty, Colonsay, Govan, Etter's Beach and the surrounding rural municipalities and we have sincerely appreciated their support over the years."

Ken continued by stating without that support from his customers and the work by his staff, Watrous Home Hardware would not be what it is today. "The people in our community and the surrounding area who have shopped with us have been tremendously important to us over the years. Our staff have also been incredible and I appreciate the work they have done and continue to do. We pride ourselves on friendly service and continue to work together to not only grow our business but to see our community succeed as well."

Growing up on a farm near Lockwood, after moving to Watrous, Ken and his family have called the community home for more than three decades. "This place is so important to us as a family and for me as a business owner. During this unprecedented time, being able to work together as a community is so important and I am so grateful to see people coming together in support of each other. We will all get through this crisis together."

If you would like to have your business featured as a Business of the Week, email twmadvisorsales@gmail.com or contact The Watrous Manitou at 306-946-3343 for more information.



Kids' Corner

Kids of all ages are welcome to submit short stories, drawings, comics, poems or other creative works to The Watrous Manitou and we will do our best to include them in the paper. You can email them to twmadvisornews@gmail.com, message The Watrous Manitou on Facebook or put them through our door's mail slot at 309 Main Street in Watrous.

Our first submission comes from Cayleigh Anya Sukhai who has sent in the first two chapters of *The Run Away*, something she has been writing from home.

The Run Away

Part One: As the noisy seagulls flew by the crowded dock, filled with couples waiting to go on their romantic boat ride, I was running. What was I running from you ask. I was running from a lot of things. I was running from my psychotic mom following me, I was running from my neighbor's dog, I was running from my innocent friend Jenn, that only wanted to know what was wrong. Well Jenn, a lot of things are wrong, and that's why I'm running. I'm running from the life I have laid out in front of me, the dreadful future that awaits me. I cut in front of the line of lovebirds and swiftly grabbed a lifejacket and threw it in the sailboat; I grabbed a paddle and let the wind take me where ever it wanted. "I'll return it!" I shouted,

sailing further and further away, with my small duffle bag and a paddle I felt ready, but that feeling was so wrong.

Part Two: "It's almost midnight," I mumbled to myself. There was no need for paddles; the wind was pushing forcefully on my boat. But, there was one problem, the air felt humid and I had a feeling it was about to rain. I pulled my blue raincoat from out of my bag and I draped it over my body. I felt the drizzles, falling harder and harder. The rain stopped, I was about to remove my raincoat when, the wind grew stronger, wobbling my boat. I held on to the sides, rain started pouring so hard that it felt like someone was throwing rocks at you. I pulled over the hood on my rain coat, put on my life jacket and tightly held on to my duffle bag. All of a sudden, my boat tilted sideways. I held on to the side of the boat, but my weight caught the boat off balance. The boat flipped upside-down and I was submerged in the deep, cold, water.

Cayleigh Anya Sukhai

Award-winning novel set in depression-era Watrous



► Set in Watrous and using the Prairie Reflections history book, author Karin Melberg Schwier's novel, *Small Reckonings* is based on true events and set during the 1920s and 30s. photos submitted

■ media release

It has been over 40 years since Karin Melberg Schwier worked as a newspaper reporter in northern Alberta, but she still knows where to go for rich colour about a community's history. Her newly released first novel is set in Watrous during the 1920s and 30s, and she found a goldmine of detail in *Prairie Reflections: Watrous and District History*, published by the local history committee in 1983. She credits the book and the committee in the novel's acknowledgments.

"*Small Reckonings* is based on true events and then of course the whole story is fictionalized beyond that. Those true events did not take place in Watrous, I only moved the story to the community because I had come across *Prairie Reflections* and fell in love with it," said Melberg Schwier. A prolific non-fiction writer, the novel is her first work of fiction and it is already an award winner.

"For this story, I not only pored over that history book, but I also plumbed the depths of my own farm childhood," said the author. "My work in the field

of disability informed my writing, too. The historical perceptions about and treatment of people with disabilities surface in this story. And many family members, people with disabilities, and others I've worked with and interviewed over the years may see little glimpses of themselves around the edges of my characters."

Small Reckonings is a work of historical prairie fiction set in the 1920s and 30s, and recently won the Saskatchewan Writers Guild John V. Hicks Award for Long Fiction. The Hicks jury consisted of Canadian fiction writers Elisabeth de Mariaffi and Rabindranath Maharaj. The judges said the novel was the "most accomplished" of all entries in the competition. "Set in depression-era rural Saskatchewan, *Small Reckonings* is an intricately-told historical drama, yet it also has very modern connotations, broaching our current conversation around trauma, consent, and sexual assault."

Her prize-winning communications work, including as editor of a magazine advocating for people who have intellectual disabilities, led her to publish six non-fiction and two illustrated children's books exploring the lives of people with disabilities. One book, published by Paul H. Brookes in Baltimore, was translated into German, Italian, and Korean. Choosing a piece from another of her works, actor Benjamin Bratt performed it as a dramatic reading at the Santa Monica Playhouse. In 2013, Karin received a YWCA Women of Distinction Award (Arts, Culture and Heritage) for her writing on disability issues. She is currently the editor/writer of Saskatoon HOME magazine, a writer for *Prairies North* magazine, and does freelance communications work.

Small Reckonings synopsis (from the cover): The Burke family story is about physical and emotional isolation in the 1920s and 1930s when homesteaders scratched out a new existence on the prairie. William, an adventurer from New Zealand, brings his bride to the freshly broken earth of his farm near Watrous, Sask. Violet, the child born 'feeble-minded,' plunges her mother Louise—a woman burdened with a secret—back to a time of guilt and regret. The child draws out goodness and loyalty in her neighbours, Hank and Emily. But tragedy upends this family, taking the reader at breakneck speed again and again, finally rendering the strength to forgive and realize no one is infallible.

Small Reckonings has been released by Burton House Books in Regina and can be purchased by contacting byrnabarclay@sasktel.net or people can order directly from Karin at karin.schwier@mac.com with e-Transfer, PayPal, or cheque.



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Public inquiries may be emailed to COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca

For general not health-specific inquiries related to COVID-19 call **1-855-559-5502**

The Business Response Team can be reached at **1-844-800-8688**, emailing supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca or by visiting www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-businesses

Information on support for workers who have had their employment impacted by the current economic situation is found at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-workers

Greg Brkich MLA for Arm River
gregpbrkich@sasktel.net / 306-567-2843 / 1-800-539-3979



Apr. 6, we had a real snowstorm and it sure dumped a lot of snow.
I have been busy making 8” crocheted squares for Blankets for Canada for the ladies who put them together here or in Viscount.
I hope everyone had a Happy Easter even though it was quiet due to COVID-19 hitting the countries. We were all requested to stay home.
Margaret Millsap stayed in Saskatoon with her family for Easter.
Congratulations to all the winners for the Humboldt Broncos draw.

PLUNKETT
Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

COVID-19 is still hitting the countries and no one is allowed to visit anyone. We are told to stay home to keep folks from getting ill and ending up in the hospital.
The men are still working by the railway tracks east of Guernsey where the train derailed.
Anyone having any news, please all me at 306-944-4852. Thank you.

Folks who enjoy watching curling got to see it on TV this winter and later had to watch last year’s curling but it was good anyway.

Our town is very quiet since

MANITOU BEACH
Sue Alcock

So we sit with snow, a frozen lake and then mud in the warmerish afternoons, so just think that in two months it will be mid-June and then the nights will start to draw in! Some garden seeds have sprouted indoors and the community garden fees are due the beginning of May. The garden has 12 plots and so those who plan to renew their plot need to submit their fees by dropping them in the box outside the village office. Those who are giving up their plot need to make themselves known so that others can take over the plot.
We extend condolences to John Stronski as his wife Gloria passed away recently. The couple have been summer cottagers for a number of years.
Over the past few weeks I have had a lovely diversion! Sitting on a wall in the Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre is a magnificent black and white panorama photograph taken by Yan the photographer in 1955 as part of the celebrations for the province’s

50th anniversary. The photograph depicts a group of Watrous and area pioneers. Kathy Bergen was thinking that to acknowledge the spouses of the individuals listed on the legend would be a good thing as the women worked hard too and deserve recognition and that is when I rolled up my sleeves. A couple of people were actually connected to Manitou Beach.
Mrs. Parsonson on the photo legend is probably Zoe Parsonson who owned and operated Glendale Lodge from at least the mid-1920s until she sold to Marg and Fred Fraser in 1968. They renamed the business Fraser Motel and sold it in 1981 to Donna and Ron King when it became Shady Rest. It has changed hands a few more times until becoming a private residence about 2012 or so. According to the June 1, 1926 census, Zoe and her husband Arthur Henry had two children, Zoe age 11
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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL
Resort Village of Manitou Beach

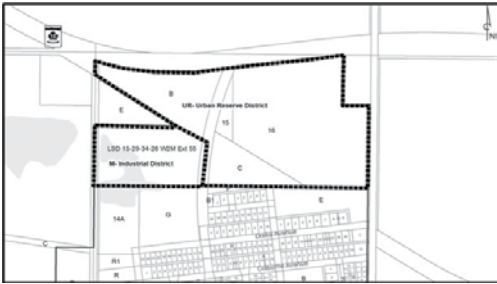
Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Resort Village of Manitou Beach for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., on the following days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Due to COVID-19 the office is closed. Call 306-946-2831 or email manbe@sasktel.net for information.
A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of The Municipalities Act has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.
Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:
Beverley Laird - Resort Village of Manitou Beach
701 Lakeview Avenue, Manitou Beach, SK S0K 4T1
by the 1st day of June 2020.
Dated this 20th day of April, 2020.
Beverley Laird, Assessor

• PUBLIC NOTICE •
VILLAGE OF VISCOUNT

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Viscount intends to adopt bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2017-049, known as the Official Community Plan, and Bylaw No. 2017-050, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT
The proposed Official Community Plan bylaw amendment will modify the Future Land Use Map to contain recently annexed land within the Village boundaries and modify references within the bylaw to this land and annexation. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will modify the Zoning Bylaw Map by adding and zoning the recently annexed land to UR-Urban Reserve District and M-Industrial District.

AFFECTED LAND
The affected land is all land recently annexed into the Village of Viscount within the NE ¼ Section 29-34-26-2 and shown on the following map within the bold dashed lines.



REASON
The reason for the amendments is to update the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw to reference and zone land recently annexed into the Village of Viscount and to accommodate a proposed industrial subdivision on land legally described as LSD 15-29-34-26-2 Ext 55. Permitted developments include buildings, heavy equipment storage, maintenance yards, etc.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Village of Viscount office at 220 Amherst Ave in the Village of Viscount during regular office hours and by appointment only. Copies are available on the Village website www.villageofviscount.ca or if requested can be emailed. Please email viscount.office@villagofviscount.ca to request a copy.

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Council will hold a public hearing on May 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the Viscount Community Centre, 102 Drake Ave. in Viscount, SK. Any person that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws is welcome to attend in person or to submit written comments prior to the public hearing. Council invites written comments via email by Monday, May 11, 2020. Due to COVID-19 we would encourage written submissions prior to the public hearing. If a person wishes not to attend the public hearing, a conference line will be made available for verbal comments. Should this be the option chosen please email the Village Office for the conference number. The Village will implement additional safety measures for those planning to attend in person. Council will consider all comments received.

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A Private Family Service will be held at a later

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(from page 11: MANITOU BEACH)

and Arthur age 10 and both were born in Saskatchewan. Mother Zoe in 1926 was 44 and her husband 42 and they both came from England - Zoe in 1911 and her hubby in 1906. The couple celebrated their silver wedding in August 1936.

According to the 1916 census the couple with wee daughter Zoe age one lived on 4th Avenue in Humboldt and Arthur was a carpenter. The year he came to Canada is recorded as 1907 and he died Mar. 24, 1938 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon but Zoe did not join him there. She died sometime after 1968. Their daughter Zoe attended Bedford Road Collegiate, Saskatoon and in 1932 she was Gr. 9 going up to Gr. 10. There is a newspaper clipping on the Internet showing her and her fellow classmates. Oops I forgot to write that bit down.

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(from page six: NEWSPAPERS)

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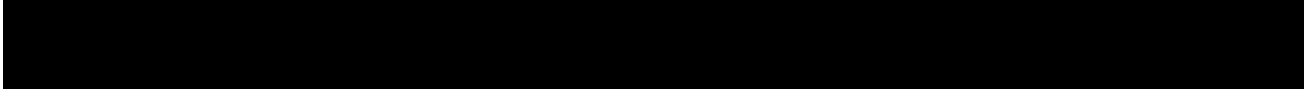
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local businesses that provide crucial advertising revenue have closed.

There's a lot of news you can access for free. Many local newspapers have even temporarily dropped their paywalls on their virus-related content. The gesture reflects their mission to go above and beyond to serve their communities in a time of crisis.

But news really isn't free. It's costly to produce. Reporters, photographers, editors, printers, advertising representatives and support staff deserve and need a paycheck for the work they do. To do that, newspapers need the people in those Canada Day parades and at those school board meetings to subscribe. Now, more than ever, they need their communities.



(from page 11: MANITOU BEACH)

of The Watrous Manitou it came to light that Arthur Parsonson was the builder responsible for the construction of the village office in 1937 which also served as post office for a few years. The east side of Manitou Springs Hotel now occupies the corner where the building and previously the WigWam dance tent stood. The office's estimated cost was \$1,500 and it had a full basement and two rooms on the main floor. He is also credited by family members by being involved with the construction of Danceland in 1930.

The other name that caught my attention was Bob Duncan who married Elsie Clark in 1924. He worked for CNR and the couple operated Duncan's Pie Shop for several years, approximately mid-1930s to early 1940s. The pie shop was located in between the Central Hotel built by Alfred Pearce in 1929 (Mike's

Beach Bar) and Markham's 1920s Hostel (now the parking lot for Manitou Springs Hotel). Elsie started cooking in the wee hours of the morning and baked hundreds of pies, tarts, cookies, etc. as well as serving home-cooked meals and ice cream. Pies sold for 25 cents and she bought picked over saskatoon berries for \$1 per pail. The ice men, Stan and Earl Stacey, delivered ice to her and enjoyed a pie too. She baked on a wood and coal stove, her hand being the thermostat! Pages 251 and 510 of Prairie Reflections will tell you more and there is also a write-up in the Centennial Cookbook about Elsie. Her pie making feats serve as inspirations to bake pies at home during our isolation time. I have been seeing captions of delicious looking breads and cakes posted on Facebook – no wonder the stores have a hard time keeping flour, yeast and baking powder on the shelves.



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Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Watrous

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May 3 & 10 9:30 a.m.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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►For the second time in less than a week, the Watrous Fire Department was called to a grass fire. After extinguishing a blaze near the train tracks a few kilometres west of Watrous on Apr. 10, Fire Chief Wayne Vielhauer said fire crews were called to a grass fire southeast of Watrous Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 14. Vielhauer indicated the fire originated near the train tracks and with the help of seven firefighters and a number of local farmers, the blaze was contained and put out. Vielhauer appreciated the help from the local farmers who were in the area. "They were able to create a fire break for us which was a big help and they also helped to get our unit out of the mud as well," said Vielhauer who figured over 100 acres of land burned during the Apr. 14 incident. "This is the time of year where we can see more grass fires occur so we just encourage people to be wary of the conditions if they are planning to burn anything and to call the controlled burn number (1-866-404-4911) as well."

photos submitted



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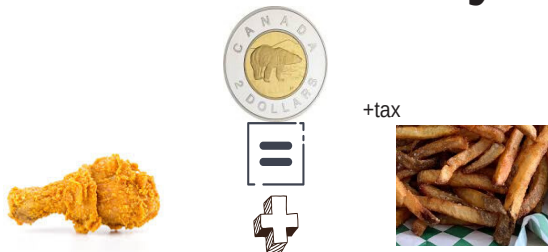
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We will get through this together.

Thank you for supporting your community while being safe.

